

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-120

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER BEFORE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024C.2 which amended states affordable housing laws and mandated that the Fourth Round Affordable Housing obligations be determined by the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”); and

WHEREAS, DCA issued its nonbinding affordable housing obligations for all municipalities in the State on October 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, municipalities had until January 31, 2025 to either accept DCA calculations or file an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey before the newly established Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”); and

WHEREAS, DCA’s calculations for Stafford Township set forth that Stafford’s present need of 38 affordable housing units and its prospective need was 208 units; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Civil Part, Docket No. OCN-L-96-25 challenging only the prospective need calculation of 208 units; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been before the Program and mediated the matter with the Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”); and

WHEREAS, the Township has reached an agreement for the reduced prospective need application of 175 units which will be further be reduced pursuant to the vacant land adjustment and real estate development potential which will be determined in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of authorizing the execution of the mediation agreement before the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of March, 2025, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Stafford, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes the execution of a mediation agreement with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and can be viewed during normal business hours.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Robert Henken, Mayor
- (b) Allison S. Iannaccone, CFM, Township Affordable Housing Planner
- (c) Christopher J. Dasti, Esq., Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, SUSAN M. FARRELL, Township Clerk of Stafford Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Stafford at a meeting held on March 27, 2025, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.



 SUSAN M. FARRELL, RMC
 Municipal Township Clerk

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Roll Call Vote

Gov. Body	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mower	✓		✓			
Otte			✓			
Esposito		✓	✓			
LaRocca			✓			
DarConte			✓			
Fossa			✓			
Henken			✓			